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SUBJECT: CONVERSATION WITH GARBA ON CIEC, CONGO, ANGOLA, CASTRO,  
NAMIBIA, OBASANJO VISIT, AND MANPOWER TRAINING

1. GARBA TOLD ME DURING RECEPTION SATURDAY NIGHT FOR SWEDISH  
FOREIGN MINISTER SODER HOW PLEASED HE HAD BEEN WITH HIS  
CONVERSATION WITH SECRETARY VANCE IN PARIS. HE SAID HIS  
DELEGATION MEMBERS "FROM OUTSIDE, LIKE ONITIRI", HAD BEXN  
PARTICULARLY IMPRESSED. (ONITIRI IS ECONOMICS PROFESSOR  
AT UNIVERSITY OF IBADAN, HEAD OF THE NIGERIAN INSTITUTE OF  
SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC RESEARCH, AND CLOSE FRIEND OF UNDER  
SECRETARY COOPER. ONITIRI DROVE FROM IBADAN TO LAGOS TO  
ATTEND A DINNER I GAVE FOR COOPER DURING HIS RECENT VISIT.)  
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2. GARBA WAS PHILOSOPHICAL ABOUT THE RESULTS OF THE CIEC  
MEETING, INDICATING THAT BOTH SIDES HAD REASON TO BE BOTH  
PLEASED AND DISAPPOINTED, AND THUS REAL CONFRONTATION HAD  
BEEN AVOIDED.

3. I INFORMED GARBA ABOUT SCHAUFLE'S UPCOMING CONVERSATIONS

IN BONN WITH CONGOLESE, NOTING THAT INITIATIVES HAD ORIGINALLY BEEN BROACHED WITH NGOUABI AND SUGGESTING THAT A MOVE TO NORMALIZE RELATIONS WITH BRAZZAVILLE WAS IN LINE WITH NIGERIA'S CONCERN THAT THE US TREAT WITH RADICALS AS WELL AS WITH THE CONSERVATIVES. GARBA SAID HE APPROVED. ALLUDING TO NETO'S APPARENT PREFERENCE FOR THE CONGOLESE OVER NIGERIA AS MEDIATORS WITH ZAIRE, GARBA SAID THE RUSSIANS WERE BEHIND IT AND HE WAS LOOKING FORWARD TO "INFORMATION FROM VANCE" THAT MIGHT CAST LIGHT ON THE MATTER. AS HE HAD TOLD ME HE WOULD BE LEAVING FOR THE COMMONWEALTH CONFERENCE MONDAY, JUNE 6, I TOLD HIM OUR EMBASSY IN LONDON WOULD ENDEAVOR TO PASS THE INFORMATION TO HIM IF IT WAS AVAILABLE PRIOR TO HIS RETURN HERE GARBA SAID THE LEADER OF ATTEMPTED COUP AGAINST NETO WAS THE POLITBURO MEMBER WHO HEADED THE ANGOLAN TEAM THAT MET WITH ZAIRIAN OFFICIALS UNDER FMG AUSPICES IN LAGOS MAY 9-10.

4. I TOLD GARBA I HAD RECEIVED THE SIGNED ORIGINAL OF PRESIDENT CARTER'S LETTER TO OBASANJO INVITING HIM TO VISIT THE US IN OCTOBER. HOW DID HE WISH ME TO HANDLE IT? HE ASKED THAT THE LETTER BE GIVEN TO HIS PERMANENT SECRETARY, AMBASSADOR SANSUI, WHO WOULD HANDLE IT WITH APPROPRIATE CARE AND DESPATCH. (WE WILL TAKE CARE OF THIS FIRST THING MONDAY.)

5. I GAVE GARBA A THUMBNAIL STATUS REPORT ON THE WORK OF THE CONSULTATIVE GROUP ON NAMIBIA. I TOLD HIM THAT MY FOUR COLLEAGUES AND I EXPECTED TO BE AUTHORIZED TO BRIEF HIS MINISTRY OFFICIALLY BY MONDAY CONCERNING THE NEXT ROUND OF TALKS IN CAPE TOWN (USUN 1758). HE ASKED THAT IN HIS ABSENCE THE BRIEFING BE GIVEN TO AFRICAN DEPARTMENT  
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6. THE CUBAN FOREIGN MINISTER, WHO ARRIVED IN LAGOS TWO DAYS AGO (LAGOS 6296) AND WILL SEE GARBA BRIEFLY ON MONDAY, TALKED WITH OBASANJO ABOUT A VISIT TO NIGERIA BY CASTRO. OBASANJO AGREED, AND THE VISIT, ACCORDING TO GARBA, WILL TAKE PLACE "WITHIN A MATTER OF WEEKS".

7. GARBA'S WELCOMING TOAST TO MRS. SODER BEGAN WITH A CLUMSY ATTEMPT AT HUMOR WHICH CAME ACROSS AS MALE CHAUVINISM RATHER THAN WIT, FOLLOWED BY A SERIES OF PLATITUDES ON SWEDEN'S COMMITMENTS TO THE THIRD WORLD AND ESPECIALLY TO THE CAUSES OF LIBERATION AND EQUALITY IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. (MRS. SODER SAID VERY MUCH THE SAME THING WHEN HER TURN CAME.) THEN GARBA APOLOGIZED FOR INVITING NO "REVOLUTIONARY COUNTRIES" TO THE DINNER. HE SAID HE HAD INVITED ONLY THE WEST EUROPEANS, SCANDINAVIANS, AND AMERICANS (INCLUDING CANADIANS) BECAUSE NIGERIA ABOVE ALL NEEDED TECHNICAL EXPERTISE AND TRAINED MANPOWER AND IT WAS FROM ONLY SUCH COUNTRIES, SWEDEN INCLUDED,

THAT NIGERIA COULD OBTAIN WHAT SHE NEEDED. HE WANTED TO THANK  
ALL OF US WHO HAD TALKED OR WOULD BE TALKING WITH CHIEF  
OF STAFF YAR ADUA ABOUT THIS CRITICAL PROBLEM (LAGOS 6192).  
HE SAID HE KNEW THAT "YOU CAPITALISTS" NO LONGER TIED  
POLITICAL STRINGS TO ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE, AND HE THEN  
TURNED TO ME AND SAID, "ISN'T THAT TRUE, DONALD?"

8. COMMENT: POOR SWEDES - HAVING BEEN CALLED RACIST BY  
THE AMERICANS AND CAPITALIST BY THE NIGERIANS WHAT ELSE  
IS THERE?  
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